

BRYAN GREETED BY OLD FRIENDS

Thousands Gather at Birthplace of Candidate and Give Him Great Ovation.

CROWD FILLS HAT FOR CAMPAIGN FUND

Nebraskan Makes Speech, Replying to Taft and Sherman, and Discussing Tariff and Trusts—Places Flowers on Graves of His Parents.

SALEM, ILL., August 26.—No crowd ever before seen here, equal in size or in enthusiasm that which turned out to-day in this city, the birthplace of William Jennings Bryan, when the Democratic candidate stopped over to greet his old friends and neighbors.

The entire population of the city and the surrounding country was on hand early to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Bryan, who reached here at 2:30 this morning, and this throng was augmented later in the day by thousands of other people, who came in on special trains.

Speech by Mr. Bryan. The principal event of the day was a speech by Mr. Bryan, which was delivered from a platform in the courthouse grounds, and in which the candidate appealed to the people of the State to support the Democratic ticket because they cannot hope for a realization of promised reforms from their party. Mr. Taft, he said, was not the heir to Roosevelt reforms.

During the day Mr. Bryan divided most of his time with the Bryan and Jennings branches of his family. After lunch he rode out to the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of his parents, and on his way back to the city inspected the new Bryan-Bennett library, presented by himself and the late Philo S. Bennett, of Connecticut. The building cost \$3,500, of which Mr. Bryan contributed \$2,000. He also donated the site, the spot on which was located the house in which he was born.

Several thousand people shook hands with the candidate. He held receptions at the courthouse, hotel and railroad station, where the people fought to get near him.

For Campaign Fund. While Mr. Bryan was making the crowd made up a purse of \$300, and handed it to him as a campaign contribution. A check for \$100 was also given by a man from Clinton county. Preceding Mr. Bryan's remarks, Theodore A. Bell, of California, chairman of the Kern notification committee, who accompanied the Commoner here, made a speech, in which he compared the platforms of the two leading parties.

Mr. Bryan said in part: "You know it would be very hard for me to make a speech in this place, because a good many of my earlier acquaintances here were Republicans, and I would not for the world say anything that would hurt any Republican friend. I was thinking to-day of a story that I thought might fit in this case; especially would it fit the case with the Republicans who are friendly to Mr. Roosevelt. I got this story in Canada. An American official up there told it to me. He said that there was a man nominated for office, and he was very anxious to poll a big vote in his home town, or the town where he was born, and he went back there and made a speech, and they turned out, those of his own party and those of other parties, and he made a personal appeal to them. He told them that he was very anxious to have a large vote in the town of his birth just as a compliment to him, and in the course of his speech he said: 'Many of you are naturally aggressive party affiliations, but I believe you will vote for me just for old friendship's sake,' and he pointed to an old man named Smith."

"He said: 'Now, there is old Brother Smith. I know you do not believe in the same party, but I have known him from the time I was a boy, and he has known me, and I believe that Brother Smith will vote for me just for old acquaintance sake. Won't you, Brother Smith?'"

"Well, responded the young man, 'As your friend is not running this year, cannot I expect your vote?'" "And so on, until I was a friend of the Roosevelt Republicans is not running this year. I am going to get some of their votes. But I might put it on a stronger ground than that. There are certain things that come naturally by descent, and reforms come by descent. You cannot convey a reform by will. The President has tried to bequeath certain reforms to the Republican candidate, but I am the next of blood in the reform business, and they come to me. In fact, I think I could make it stronger than that. If a man dies and leaves no children, the property goes back to his parents, and so far as reforms are concerned, the Republican party has died without heirs, and the reforms go back to the man from whom the Republican party got the reforms."

Right to Expect Them. "So I think I have a right to expect a good many Republican votes this year. Then I am expecting to make large additions to the Democratic vote, because the times are ripe for a change in administration. Mr. Taft was making a speech over in Virginia, and he forgot that there was a county outside, and he was making the speech for the Republicans of West Virginia, and he told those people that when a party stayed in power a good while it was apt to become corrupt, and it was a good thing to have a change. His remarks have a larger application than he made of them that day, and if a party in a State will get in a position where a change is necessary, or even desirable, I want to say to you that when you apply it to a national party the reason for a change is still greater, for the farther many get away from home the more they are apt to forget the people at the home, and these Republicans in national offices

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TO STUMP VIRGINIA

Republican Leaders Preparing to Bring Big Speakers Here.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., August 26.—It puts a premium on reckless banking and is an indictment to reckless banking. "Thus," said Mr. Taft, in response to a direct question this afternoon, state what, in his opinion, is the vital objection to the proposed plan to guarantee deposits in national banks. "That is the fundamental objection," he said, "I believe in the responsibility to the depositors, and the tendency to the depositors to exploit, manipulation and the use of assets of banks in a speculative way. It would promote speculation, at the expense of the fellow bankers, and that ultimately means a real expense of the depositors. Any proposition as to the amount of the tax that should be assessed, as based on the present rate of loss, is on an erroneous basis, as the danger of loss of deposits is increased vastly by the proposed system, so that the percentage of the tax would have to be vastly increased."

"Mr. Bryan did favor a guaranty, the government to raise the funds by taxing the banks, but the Democratic platform provides for an enforced insurance, which compels all national banks to contribute to the insurance funds to meet the defaults of the speculators. I am told that such a law was in force in New York, and that the result was that when a panic ensued, the tax having been properly collected, there were not sufficient funds to pay the loss; but this I have only on the authority of a well-known writer on the subject."

Congressman Slem and National Committeeman Alvin H. Martin, of the United States, conferred with Judge Taft to-day about securing Republican speakers to stump the State of Virginia. They left to-night for New York to pursue the matter further with General Dupont, chairman of the speakers' bureau of the Republican National Committee.

TRIBUTE TO FARRAGUT

Memorial to Admiral Unveiled in Portsmouth Navy Yard.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 26.—Three thousand shipmates, relatives, friends and admirers of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut to-day paid tribute to the memory of the hero of many battles of the sea. The commandant's house at the navy yard, where the admiral died, was the scene of the exercises, and Admiral George Dewey, who served with Farragut, lifted the covering from a memorial tablet, which was unveiled by a simple. The chaplain of the yard, the Rev. Frank Thompson, offered prayer, after which Admiral Dewey stepped to the front and, following a few extemporaneous remarks, unveiled the tablet. The memorial bears the inscription: "DAVID GLASGOW FARRAGUT, ADMIRAL IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. Faithful and Fearless."

In opposite corners of the tablet are displayed the United States seal and the ensign of the United States Navy. The naval band played a hymn, and salutes were fired by the navy yard battery. An address was then delivered by former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. W. B. Fletcher. The reading of a letter from Rear-Admiral J. C. Watson, retired, of Louisville, Ky., brought the exercises to a close.

HORSEMEN CALL "STRIKE"

When Governor Hughes Attempts to Witness Races, No Horses Appear.

BALTIMORE, N. Y., August 26.—For an hour and a half this evening the openly expressed hostilities of owners of trotting horses taking part in the events of the Saratoga County Fair toward Governor Charles E. Hughes held up the racing program at the fair grounds here. Governor Hughes was a visitor at the fair to-day, and addressed a big gathering, which gave him a hearty greeting and an attentive hearing. The Governor's presence on the grounds, however, was not by the fair owners, who have taken exception to the Governor's efforts to suppress betting on the race tracks of the State. As a consequence, they refused to start their horses while the executive was on the grounds.

The "strike" of the horse-owners created an unprecedented situation, and caused the management of the fair marked embarrassment. Governor Hughes was scheduled to leave here on the 4 o'clock train, and shortly before that time he left the fair grounds, enclosing, immediately upon his departure the racing program.

DIVORCED IN A HOSPITAL

Judge Hears Case and Gives Decree at Bedside of Paralytic Woman.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., August 26.—A South Dakota divorce has been granted in the room of the judge's chambers, but never until yesterday was a divorce granted in a hospital. So sorely afflicted by paralysis that an attendant was required to lift her arm that she might take the oath of witnesses, Mrs. W. T. Lyne, of Toronto, Ont., yesterday lay in her bed and told the story on which she was given a divorce. The evidence itself was commonplace, establishing the statutory ground of desertion, but with Judge Frank B. Smith sitting at the foot of the bed, the court stenographer, perched in a chair near the patient to catch the words spoken in a low voice, and the lawyers on either side of her bed, while a uniformed nurse stood guard over her patient, the formal proceeding was not without dramatic qualities.

Only an urgent message sent by the patient explaining that she might never be able to rise from her bed induced Judge Smith to depart from precedent and grant the request to free her from her husband, that she might be more content on her bed.

WEIGHING 200, SHE HUSTLES

Young Woman Wins New Hat in an Eleven-Mile Walk.

YORK, PA., August 26.—To win a new hat, Miss Marjorie Stubbs, assistant book at the Elmer Cafe here, who weighs more than 200 pounds, accomplished the feat of walking eleven miles from York to Wrightsville in two hours and forty-five minutes. In spite of the unusual exertion, she experienced little fatigue.

Daniel Coming Home. LONDON, August 26.—Senator Daniel, of Virginia; Representative Vreeland, of New York; and Representative Overstreet, of Indiana, members of the committee of the National Monetary Commission, which has been studying the financial systems of Great Britain and France, will sail for home to-day.

PASSING IN JAIL, DIES BY OWN HAND

Woman, Said to Have Been Leader in Springfield Riot, Puts End to Life.

SWALLOWED POISON AS SHERIFF ARRESTS HER

Had Previously Stated She Would Not Go to Jail Again, and When Another Indictment Is Brought, Proves Good as Her Word.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., August 26.—Mrs. Kate Howard, one of the leaders in the recent riot in this city, committed suicide to-day by swallowing acid soon after being placed under arrest. She died as she was being led into the jail.

Before the special grand jury, now in session, many witnesses testified that Mrs. Howard was one of the ringleaders of the mob which wrecked Loper's restaurant and cafe. She was the first person indicted, and was held on several counts in the sum of \$10,000, which she furnished. When she was released she said she would never be arrested again.

To-day, shortly after the special jury returned another indictment against her, charging murder in connection with the recent lynchings, Deputy Sheriff Kramer was sent to Mrs. Howard's room to arrest her. Mrs. Howard received the officer at the door. She secretly swallowed a large dose of poison, then said: "I'm ready to go now." She accompanied the deputy to the jail, two blocks away, and was just entering the door when she fell dead.

Ten more indictments, three charging murder, were returned by the special grand jury this morning. The true bills charging murder were found against Mrs. Kate Howard, Abraham Raymond and Ernest, alias "Slim," Humphrey.

Ethel Howe, a young woman, was indicted for malicious mischief. She was a friend of Mrs. Howard.

WAS HORRIBLY MANGLED

Unidentified Man Is Killed By Train Near Shawsville, Va.

SHAWSVILLE, VA., August 26.—The mangled form of an unknown man was found 100 yards west of the depot here at 3:30 this morning. His body was found at 4 o'clock, and as an east-bound freight train passed about that time, the supposition is that he fell from it.

The fragments show him to have worn a black suit, in the pocket of which was found an installment contract for a suit of clothes at \$14, bought of Farley & Galin, Lynchburg, Va. This contract acknowledges receipt from T. E. Bolton of \$3 on October 12th and \$2 on October 26th. There was also found a weekly offering envelope of the West End M. E. Church, South, but no address is given. In addition was a pair of hair clips.

His body was dragged across a cattle guard, both arms and both legs severed, as well as one side of his head gone, making identification almost impossible. He was very low in stature, and had black hair, and was supposed to be a young man. The railroad company is doing all possible to identify him.

KIDNAPPED GIRL FOUND

Those Who Stole Little Child Heard Police Were After Them.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 26.—Abandoned by kidnappers, supposed to be members of a "Black Hand" gang, Roschini Mazzarello, the two-year-old daughter of Frank Mazzarello, a big dealer of this city, who was stolen from her home on Tuesday, was found late to-day in the woods near South Westville, N. J. The child was covered with mud and suffering from exposure in the severe storm that has been raging throughout the East for forty-eight hours.

Two boys came upon the little girl, who seemed to be exhausted. They took her to Westville, where the authorities started an investigation, which resulted in the identification of the child late to-night. It is supposed that knowledge that the police had been informed caused the abductors of the child to abandon her.

BROTHERS SHOT DOWN

One Dead, Another Dying, and Assassin Is Badly Injured.

TULSA, OKLA., August 26.—As the result of an attempt by David and William Webb, brothers, to carry out a threat to attack J. W. Culpeper to-night, David Webb is dead, William Webb is fatally wounded, and Culpeper is seriously injured. The trouble, which was the culmination of an old feud, came to a crisis last night, when the brothers assaulted Culpeper in his store, threatening to return to-night. Culpeper armed himself with a shotgun, and when the Webbs entered the door he opened fire. He himself was stabbed by William Webb.

GRANTS CHANGE OF VENUE

IN THE BECH HARGIS CASE

LEXINGTON, KY., August 26.—Judge James P. Adams, presiding judge in the trial of Bech Hargis, at Jackson, Ky., for the murder of his father, to-day, in his opinion, held that the petition of the Commonwealth for a change of venue was sufficient. The change of venue was asked for by State's Attorney Kelly because of the alleged sentimentality to exist in favor of the defendant in Breathitt county.

Snow in Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD., August 26.—There was a light fall of snow in the suburbs of this city to-night, and burials are reported from other points in Maryland.

MINE EXPLOSION IS FATAL TO MANY

Twenty-Five Bodies Recovered From Oklahoma Pit Up to Last Night.

EIGHT OR NINE OTHERS MAY BE YET ENTOMBED

Igniting of Barrel of Oil, Which Exploded When Day Shift Went Below in Morning, Is Blamed for Horror in Hailey-Ola Operation.

HAILEY-OLA, OKLA., August 26.—More than thirty miners were suffocated this morning in Hailey-Ola coal mine. No. 1, near Haileyville, fourteen miles east of McAlester, when fire destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft and cut off air from the men below.

Twenty-five dead bodies have been removed from the mine to-night, following a successful three-hour battle with the flames. It is believed that six or eight more will be brought out. Twenty-five mules were suffocated and some of their bodies were burned.

Were Suffocated. Explorations in the channels this afternoon revealed that none of the men met death by burning, but that all were suffocated. It is impossible for the rescuers to get far from the base of the main shaft, and it probably will be twenty-four hours before a thorough search of the entire mine can be made. Some of the channels are three-quarters of a mile long.

The fire is said to have started at 8:30 o'clock this morning, soon after the day shift went to work. It appears that a barrel of oil, which was later exploded, spreading burning oil in all directions. The fire spread with such rapidity that the miners on the lower tiers were unable to reach the shaft, and all escape was cut off. The mine is owned by Dr. D. B. Bailey, of McAlester, and is one of the biggest mining properties in the State.

WOMEN GATHER

Soon after the fate of the entombed men became generally known crowds of excited women and children, relatives of the missing men, appeared at the mouth of the shaft. Their grief was pitiable. Their fruitless cries for the entombed miners added much to the confusion. Those who were able to reach the surface were greeted with shouts of joy. The officials of the company, aided by the mine horses and others, immediately set to work to rescue the men still in the mine. It was soon apparent, however, that no one could enter, as volumes of smoke poured from the openings.

CLOSE CALL FOR FIFTY

Fire in Cleveland Tenement Early To-day Caused Panic.

CLEVELAND, O., August 26.—Fifty persons narrowly escaped death, half a dozen were overcome by smoke, one woman was injured and a child seriously burned as a result of a fire in this city's tenement caught fire and later exploded, spreading burning oil in all directions. The fire spread with such rapidity that the miners on the lower tiers were unable to reach the shaft, and all escape was cut off. The mine is owned by Dr. D. B. Bailey, of McAlester, and is one of the biggest mining properties in the State.

The fire started in a quantity of hay stored in an adjoining building, and quickly spread to the tenement before being discovered.

In the scramble of the tenants to escape, a number of them were knocked down, while others, overcome by smoke, had to be carried out. The building was partially destroyed.

ROBBERS MALTREAT WOMAN

Lock Her in Closet, Ransack and Set Fire to House.

ST. LOUIS, August 26.—Two unidentified negroes entered the home of Virginia Bassett, a street car motorman, early to-day, during his absence, choked Mrs. Bassett, locked her in a pantry closet, ransacked and set fire to the house, and fled. The flames aroused neighbors, and Mrs. Bassett, half-conscious, was rescued. The robbers got a gold watch, some jewelry and \$5 in cash.

PARIS GREEN FOR SUICIDE

Victim Was a Widow and Had Buried Four Husbands.

ST. CLAIR, MO., August 26.—Mrs. Anna Margaret Bloom, seventy-seven years old, committed suicide at her home this morning by swallowing a large quantity of Paris Green. Mrs. Bloom was a widow, having buried four husbands, and had lived alone for a number of years.

Brooding over the fact that her daughter, Mrs. Charles Prinzhorn, who had been visiting her, would soon return to South Bend, Ind., leaving her alone again, is believed to have caused Mrs. Bloom to end her life.

GRIEVED AT LACK OF CRIME

Deputy Sheriff, Despondent Over Low Business, Kills Himself.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., August 26.—Despondent because there has been little business this summer, Deputy Sheriff Henry Spiegel this afternoon committed suicide. He was New Haven's best known German resident, and held offices in various German organizations of the State.

BAR ASSOCIATION HEARS MANY REPORTS

SEATTLE, WASH., August 26.—The American Bar Association devoted to-day to the reports of standing committees on Jurisprudence and law reform, judicial administration and remedial procedure; legal education and admission to the bar; commercial law, international law, grievances, obituaries, law-reporting and digesting, patents, trademarks and copyright laws, insurance law, taxation, uniform State laws and the report of the comparative law bureau.

Count Visits Emperor.

TOKIO, August 27.—Count Jutaro Komura, formerly Japanese ambassador at London, was received in audience to-day by the Emperor. Count Komura has been appointed minister of foreign affairs, and he will at once assume the duties of that office.

DROWNED IN GOSHEN PASS

Heidelberg Graduate, F. J. Falkenbach, Victim of a Capitalizing.

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., August 26.—F. J. Falkenbach, chemist for the Goshen Iron Company, at Goshen, Va., was drowned late this afternoon while boat-riding with E. E. Fenton, treasurer of the same company.

The two men were out for pleasure, and while going through Goshen Pass the boat struck a boulder and Falkenbach was thrown out. Being unable to swim, he quickly sank in the water. Fenton, though his body had not been recovered, Fenton had a close call from death.

The dead man was a native of Germany, and was well-known to the iron trade. He was unmarried, and, so far as known, a sister in Ohio is his only living relative in America. He was a graduate of Heidelberg.

VENTURES TOO FAR IN SURF

Clas. N. Hudson, of Raleigh, Member of House Party, Drowns at Wrightsville

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., August 26.—Venturing too far out while in surf bathing at Wrightsville Beach, yesterday, Charles N. Hudson, of Raleigh, paid the penalty with his life at 10 o'clock this morning, when he and a friend, W. B. Jones, of Kenansville, were in bathing.

Young Hudson was caught by the powerful undertow and was soon at the mercy of the strong current. He yelled for help, and his friend went to his assistance. James S. Hooper, of Wilmington, also plunged into the water, and the two made noble efforts to rescue him, but they would probably have done so but for the wild excitement of the drowning man.

Hooper tried to overpower him, but was twice dragged down by the drowning man, and neither was able to get him out of the water. The body was recovered a few minutes later, but medical men on the scene pronounced life extinct. Nevertheless, energetic but vain efforts were made for two hours to resuscitate him.

The body was brought to the city this afternoon. Hudson has been a member of a house party, and at the last moment decided to remain at the seashore for several days longer.

TREED BY ANGRY BULL

Former Town Sergeant Cells Lushly for Help from His High Perch.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 26.—Richard Roberts, former sergeant of the little town of Potomac, Alexandria, was yesterday chased by an infuriated bull and finally succeeded in getting up a locust tree before the maddened animal could reach him. He was badly lacerated about the body and hands by the sharp horns.

Mr. Roberts remained in his perilous position for several hours before being seen by neighbors, while the bull remained at the base of the tree waiting for him expectantly. After several hours Mr. Roberts displayed a farmer within a calling card, and his lusty cries attracted the man. Shortly thereafter five other farmers came to the rescue with pitchforks, and after a hard battle, chased the animal away. Mr. Roberts then came down and went home, where he dressed his slight scratches.

YARD SINKS WITH HER

Ronoke Woman Drops Into Old Well, But Is Speedily Rescued.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., August 26.—While Mrs. S. Silverman was walking in her yard to-day the ground gave way under her, and she disappeared. Workmen came to her rescue, and she was standing in a well, with water up to her neck. A rope was secured, she tied it around her waist, and they pulled her out.

With the exception of slight bruises and a shock, Mrs. Silverman was uninjured. The well had been covered with a dry goods box, which had rotted. Grass had grown over it, and there was nothing to indicate that a well was beneath.

INVENTOR IS ARRESTED

Alleged Check Forger Recently Sold Government Patent for \$85,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., August 26.—H. C. Heitman, of Lexington, who two months ago sold a patent on a mail pouch lock to the United States Government for \$85,000, was arrested at Salisbury, N. C., yesterday, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from a Statesville merchant, who cashed a check for Heitman, which proved to be worthless. Heitman was taken by the Federal county officers to Lexington, where he gave bail.

MILLIONAIRE CAREY WRIGHT, AGED 72, DIES IN LEXINGTON

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., August 26.—Carey Wright, a millionaire, of Boise City, aged seventy-two years, died here last night. He came here from North Carolina recently. He was a native of Rockbridge county, served through the Civil War in the Confederate army, and later was located in Idaho. He was a mining engineer, and had visited South America and Alaska. He was the last member of his immediate family, although he leaves a large number of relatives here.

WADE H. ELLIS, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL NOW

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Wade H. Ellis, now Attorney-General of Ohio, has been tendered by the President and has accepted the position of Assistant to the Attorney-General, recently held by Milton D. Purdy. Mr. Ellis will assume the duties of his new position as soon as the business of his present office, which will require his attention for some weeks, will permit.

Editor Shoots Himself.

ATLANTA, GA., August 26.—A special from Stone Mountain, Ga., says: J. J. Chaffee, twenty-five years of age, said to be an associate editor of the Augusta, Ga., Herald, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen while on a Georgia Railroad train near here this afternoon. It is believed he will die.

WEATHER.

Rain.

Augusta is Flooded; Four States Suffer; Many Persons Drown

Homes, Plants, Crops in Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia Are Damaged or Ruined by Continued Heavy Rains.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE DONE

Many Streams in Affected States Have Reached Danger Mark, and Forecast Indicates They Will Continue to Rise To-day—Past Records Broken.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—The Weather Bureau at 10 o'clock to-night issued the following flood bulletin: "The heavy rains that have fallen continuously since Sunday over the Carolinas and Eastern Georgia have caused widespread floods of the most dangerous and destructive character. The Savannah River at Augusta will likely reach a stage of thirty-eight feet, or six feet above flood stage, by midnight Wednesday, and there is grave probability that the entire city will be flooded. Telegraphic communication with the outside world has been cut off and no reports have been received since Wednesday morning."

The Catawba River, of North Carolina, and the Wateree and Pee Dee Rivers, of South Carolina, have exceeded all previous stages by several feet, while Eastern North Carolina reports indicate the greatest flood ever known in that section. The rainfall was particularly heavy in the vicinity of Raleigh, N. C., where the total fall since Sunday was exactly ten inches. The losses and damage are enormous. Railroads have annulled trains, bridges have been washed away, roads rendered impassable and large areas of crops destroyed. The Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers, of Georgia, are above flood stage, and high water will be experienced in the Alabama River during much of September.

The city is without light, fire or police protection, efforts in these lines being met with the inability of these different departments to cope with the situation. Fires started to-night in the cotton warehouse of Nixon & Danforth, and in the warehouse of the Nixon Wholesale Grocery Company. It is said the fires were caused by water reaching lime stored in one of the warehouses, which exploded. The fire department was unable to render any assistance on account of the high water.

Two white persons and one negro have been reported drowned. It was also reported that a boat containing a family of husband, wife and two children was capsized and all drowned, but this could not be confirmed.

A conservative estimate of the damage to the food and fire insurance has been placed at a half-million dollars, but it is believed that this sum will be greatly exceeded before the flood waters subside.

(Earlier.)—The floods in the Carolinas and Georgia culminated to-day in the breaking of the dam at six miles from Augusta, which diverts the water from the Savannah River into the canal at that point. The great flood of water let loose soon found its way into the city, and tonight from Fifteenth Street to the eastern boundary Augusta is under from 6 to 12 feet of water, which is gradually rising.

The big bridge across the Savannah River went down in the rush of waters, and the dam at the locks, seven miles from the city, collapsed, adding to the flood.

The Associated Press correspondent at Augusta succeeded in getting a telephone wire to work in the building next to the Augusta Herald office, and from there the first communication with this city was obtained after the wires went down. He reported three deaths, two white persons and one negro, but could not give any names, as the means of traveling were only by boat.

The current through the city streets is swift, but not fast enough to more than carry away debris, box trees, store boxes and loose signs. Despite the fact that citizens were warned last night that there was danger of the dam breaking, there will be considerable loss in business houses of all kinds. Estimates at midnight place the financial loss close to the half-million mark.

There were several fires reported, but as the fires are in outlying districts, the extent of the damage cannot be learned. It is said the Nixon and Danforth cotton warehouse was destroyed by fire, together with the Nixon wholesale grocery warehouse. A fire was also reported in the Georgia Railway shops.

Despite the fact that the water stands six feet in the residence district of the city, and is deeper in other portions, there has been no indications that the people are suffering beyond being marooned in the upper stories of their dwellings.

Sections of several streets sank, and in one place in Brooklyn there was danger that a number of buildings would fall as a result of the sinking of a street. In upper Manhattan the roadway sank five feet as a taxicab was traveling over it, and the two passengers and the chauffeur had to scramble through mud and water to save themselves. The auto was rescued after considerable trouble. Rain was still falling late to-night, but had abated somewhat in volume.

Hundreds of homeless men and women applied for shelter at the municipal lodging house to-night, driven by the storm to seek some sort of cover, and finally the accommodations at the city institution were so overcrowded that many of the men had to be given quarters in the morgue. Never in the history of the municipal lodging house have so many applications for a night's

STEEL BRIDGES GO DOWN

Millions of Dollars Lost in South Carolina and Five Persons Drown.

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 26.—Reports received from all sections of the State indicate that the present flood is the most damaging ever recorded in South Carolina. The flooded area covers practically the entire State, and at many points the rivers are